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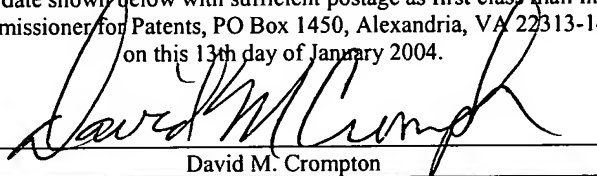
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the instant application relies on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 09/512,997, filed February 25, 2000, under 35 U.S.C. § 120. The information disclosure statement submitted in the earlier application is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c).

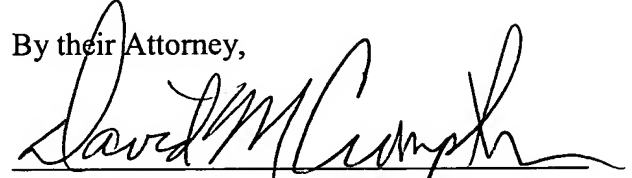
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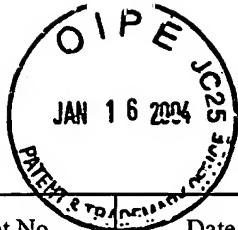
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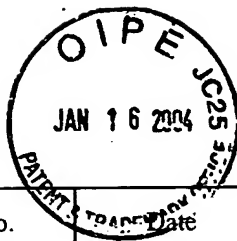
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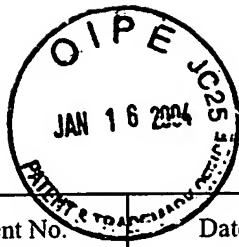
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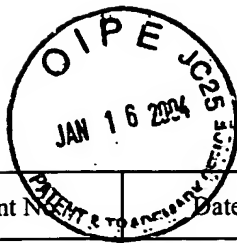
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